METHOD AND SYSTEM TO PREVENT FIRING LIVE ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION DURING MILES EXERCISES

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for preventing the discharge of a live ammunition cartridge creating pressure when fired and including a bullet portion normally propelled by said pressure from a firearm having a barrel portion with a longitudinal axis within which the ammunition cartridge is loaded, comprising:

   - the barrel portion of the firearm having one or more apertures formed therein, with each of said apertures being aligned with a portion of said live ammunition cartridge and said longitudinal axis of said barrel; and
   - said live ammunition cartridge and said barrel being cooperatively associated, so as to vent said pressure created by firing said ammunition cartridge through said barrel apertures and thereby deprive said live ammunition cartridge of sufficient pressure to propel said bullet portion along said longitudinal axis of said barrel and retaining said bullet portion in said barrel.

2. The invention according to Claim 1 wherein said one or more apertures are aligned substantially perpendicularly to said portion of said live ammunition.

3. The invention according to Claim 1 wherein said portion of said live ammunition cartridge is the weakest portion of said live ammunition cartridge.

4. A method for preventing the discharge of a live ammunition cartridge having a bullet portion and creating pressure when discharged from a firearm having a barrel portion with a longitudinal axis, comprising:

- forming one or more apertures in said barrel substantially above a portion of said ammunition cartridge; and,
- firing said firearm so as to vent the pressures created by firing of the live ammunition cartridge through said apertures formed in said barrel portion and thereby depriving the cartridge of sufficient pressure to propel said cartridge along said perpendicular axis of said barrel and retaining said bullet portion in said barrel.

5. The invention according to Claim 4 wherein said apertures are formed in said barrel at an angle substantially perpendicular to said portion of said ammunition cartridge.

6. The invention according to Claim 4 wherein said portion of live ammunition cartridge is the weakest portion of said ammunition cartridge.